

MAYOR'S NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDTABLE SUMMARY

September 12, 2011

Tracy Corr, Chairperson, started the meeting at 5:36 P.M. Monday, September 12, 2011, in the Mayor's Conference Room, County/City Building, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Eleven citizens and seven staff attended:

Tracy Corr	40 th & A St NA	Jeff Schwebke	Arnold Heights NA
Sue VanHorn	Country Club NA	Carolyn Brandle	Eastridge NA
Dianna Wright	Highlands NA	Myrna Coleman	Highlands NA
Scott Richert	Indian Village NA	Dennis Hecht	Meadowlane RA
Scott Zager	Southwood NA	Bill Vocasek	West A NA
Russell Miller	Lincoln Neigh-hood Alliance	Hope Edwards	LPStudent Serve
Meghan Sullivan	Stronger, Safer	David Ensign	Urban Development
Lin Quenzer	Mayor's Office	Jon Carlson	Mayor's Office
Milo Mumgaard	Mayor's Office	Mayor Beutler	

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Tracy Corr opened the meeting and asked participants to introduce themselves. Attendees checked in on the sign-in sheet.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Beutler spoke about the recent Personnel changes. Miki Esposito is Interim Director of Public Works Department. Fred Hoke is Director of Building and Safety Department.

The Mayor mentioned the public hearing on October 17th on the Comprehensive Plan (LPlan 2040). The County Commission public hearing will be on October 18th.

The Mayor fielded questions and comments.

LPSTUDENTSERVE

Hope Edwards, senior at Southeast High School, presented a PowerPoint slide show and video on LPStudentServe. She envisioned an event that would change a city and transform a culture. Her dream is a day in which students of all ages would come together to serve the city of Lincoln, Nebraska. In May 2011, she formed a student directional team that first met in a coffee shop. They produced LPStudentServe.

LPStudentServe – a bi-annual, city-wide, student service day -- is a Lincoln Public School District initiative led entirely by students. Students from every LPS school will serve Lincoln. High school students will serve businesses and organizations in the community, while middle and elementary school students will work on school grounds. LPStudentServe operates under the auspices of the Lincoln Public Schools District. It is unprecedented in

any K-12 school system in the United States. Saturday, October 1, 2011, will be the first LPStudentServe. They would like to realize 10% participation the first day.

LPStudentServe is committed to instilling civic responsibility and preserving democratic ideology in students by promoting behaviors of good citizenship in their local, national, and global communities.

Objectives

- To serve the Lincoln Community

Elementary and Middle school students will serve on school grounds. Learning at an early age about community service is important for kids. It is the only way to change a mind set . . . to change a culture from being takers to being givers. High school students will serve around Lincoln. Young adults need to learn where, how, and why to serve in their community.

- To contribute to the Good Citizen Initiative (GCI)

The GCI guiding principle is all students graduating from Lincoln Public Schools demonstrate actions of citizens who understand the importance of individual responsibility to maintain engaged citizenship and preserve democratic ideology in their community. The GCI is an opportunity for students not only to learn practical applications from their social studies classes, but also to become actively engaged community members through service they perform. Lincoln Public Schools is committed to raising mature citizens for the United States.

- To fulfill the LPS's mission statement

LPS strives to develop students into adults who are productive citizens within their diverse local, national, and global community; who are eager to learn throughout their lives; and who appreciate history, culture, and the arts.

- To fulfill the requirements of LB544 "Civil Discourse Bill"

This law requires instruction in the duties of citizenship in high school civics courses to include active participation in the improvement of the students' community, state, country, and world, and teach the value and practice of civil discussion between opposing interests.

- To help fulfill student service hours

Any student can fulfill their required service hours in areas such as National Honors Society, International Baccalaureate, and Government and Politics by volunteering on LPStudentServe Day in the community. The Good Citizen Initiative also requires service hours for freshmen and piloting hours for sophomores to help teach civic-mindedness and responsibility.

- To fulfill LPS Strategic Planning Committee goals

A top priority for the LPS Strategic Planning Committee is all students actively-engaged members in the Lincoln community.

Organizations may sign up for volunteers. Registration for organizations closes on September 21, 2011. Hope will provide the access code and a PowerPoint presentation for organizations to establish an account and register a project.

LPStudentServe plans another service day in Spring, 2012.

Contact Hope at hopedwards@gmail.com

Web page – studentserve.lps.org

View LPStudentServe PowerPoint slide show –

https://docs.google.com/present/view?id=0AeySZp9nUY_RZGhqMndnZjhfODVkdmiZGRkdg&hl=en_US

Hope fielded questions and comments from the Roundtable.

SET OCTOBER AGENDA

The next meeting of the Mayor's Neighborhood Roundtable is Monday, October 10, 2011, 5:30 P.M., in the Mayor's Conference Room, County/City Building, 555 South 10th Street, **3rd floor**. Next month's agenda will include a presentation on street projects funded by the wheel tax.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 P.M.